(c) if so, whether the sites identified by the IRCTC for budget hotels have been selected for developing world-class stations and thereby there is a conflict of interest;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Standing Committee on Railways also criticized the Railways in this regard; and

(e) if so, how the Railways is planning to address to this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Railway have identified 26 railway station in the country for development as World Class Station.

(b) Yes, Sir. At Some of the sites IRCTC has proposed the development of budget hotels.

(c) A few of the stations where budget hotels were proposed to be developed by IRCTC, were later identified for development into world class stations. As both budget hotels and world class stations bank upon leveraging real estate potential of railway land around stations, development of Budget Hotel independently at such stations is likely to have adverse impact on realization of full potential of land to be leveraged as part of World Class Station affecting financial viability of the project apart from creating constraints in overall Master Plan of development of the station into World Class Station. Therefore, on review it has been decided that for some of such sites budget hotels may not be developed as an individual item.

(d) No, Sir. However the Committee on Public Undertakings while reviewing Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited have taken note of and sought reasons of delay in finalization of bids for budget hotels (April 2008).

(e) The Ministry of Railways has deliberated on the issue and certain administrative issues are yet to be sorted out. The matter is under review of the Ministry of Railways.

Introduction of new rail services in Rajasthan

†1378. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals pending with Government regarding introduction of new rail services in Rajasthan;

(b) what are the norms for introducing new rail services and what are the basis on which the proposals from State Governments are approved or disapproved; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Following trains serving Rajasthan announced in Railway Budget 2008-2009 are still to be introduced:-

(1) 2983/2984 Jaipur-Chandigarh Garib Rath (tri-weekly)

(2) 5667/5668 Kamakhya-Gandhidham Express (weekly)

(3) 2483/2484 Amritsar-Kochuveli Express (weekly)

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(4) 2981/2982 Udaipur-Delhi Chetak Express (tri-weekly)

(5) 2287/2288 Dehradun-Kochuveli Express (weekly)

(6) Agra Fort-Achhnera/Bharatpur DMU

In addition, Ministry of Railways have also approved introduction of 4705/4706 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Sadulpur Express (tri-weekly), two pairs of passenger trains between Phulera-Rewari and one pair between Phulera-Jaipur.

(b) and (c) New trains are introduced taking into account demands from the public representatives and various factors like availability of resources, operational feasibility, traffic justification, completion of gauge conversion works, new lines, development of requisite facilities etc.

Increase in crimes during railway journeys

†1379. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that crimes are increasing during the railway journeys;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether measures adopted by Government to check the crimes during the railway journeys are sufficient;

(d) if not, whether Government is formulating a special scheme to check the crimes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. It is not a fact that crime-has increased in all heads. Cases of drugging and theft of passengers' belongings have increased, whereas other cases have decreased during the year 2007 as compared to the year 2006. However, during the year 2008 (upto September) total crimes have decreased. Details of cases on various heads reported/ registered during the year 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 (upto September) are as under :-

Year	Murder	Rape	Dacoity	Robbery	Drugging	Theft of Passengers' belongings	Other Crimes
2005	232	37	126	325	509	10846	6983
2006	240	47	156	359	477	10103	6482
2007	217	29	111	305	649	10939	5923
2008	170	24	79	216	469	8591	4376

(c) Yes, Sir. "Policing" being a State subject, prevention, registration and investigation of IPC crimes like terrorist attacks, murder, dacoity, robbery etc. on Railways is the constitutional

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